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LETTER REQUESTING SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Sir:

On March 1, 2005, a Notice of Allowability was issued in connection with the above-identified application. However, on February 14, 2005, Applicants filed a Supplemental Response. This February 14, 2005 Supplemental Response is not referred to in the Notice of Allowability of March 1, 2005. In a telephone discussion with Examiner Ni of the USPTO and the undersigned, Examiner Ni indicated that he considered and entered the February 14, 2005 Supplemental Response and would issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowance indicating the same. To date, Applicants have not received said Supplemental Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Supplemental Notice of Allowability indicating consideration and entry of the February 14, 2005 response as soon as

possible, as the Issue Fee in the present application is due to be paid on June 1, 2005.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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